

passed from the vicinity of Manila, and his followers, and on Wednesday, the 4th, positive instructions were sent to Gen. Miller to land and occupy Iloilo. The First California regiment has been added to his military force and the Baltimore under Capt. Dyer. This makes the American force 3,500 men to oppose the rebels, as they are now termed, who supposedly number not over 7,000, armed with only 3,000 rifles and whose artillery is of obsolete pattern. To further strengthen Gen. O'Neil's hands Maj. Gen. Lawton, who rendered exceptional services in the Cuban campaign, has been assigned as second in command in the Philippines. The Philippine threaten to resist any attempt to occupy Iloilo. The members of the insurgent government and the governors of the provinces of the island of Luzon have assembled at Malolos for the purpose of offering their aid to Aguinaldo, and declare that they fought only for the independence of the Philippines, and are unwilling to submit to foreigners.

OLD GLORY AT HAVANA.

American control of Cuba formally commenced at noon on New Year's day, when the Spanish ensign floating over the governor's palace in Havana, was lowered and the Stars and Stripes were raised in their place. The ceremonies of transfer of authority were simple, but all the more grand on that account. The Spanish Government was represented by Captain General Castellanos, who, in a brief speech, transferred sovereignty over Cuba to Gen. Wade, president of the United States Military Commission, who, turning to Gen. John R. Brooke, the new governor of the island, said: "I transfer this command to you." It was accepted with the words: "I accept this great trust on behalf of the United States, and," (addressing Capt. Gen. Castellanos) "I wish you and the gallant gentlemen with you a pleasant return to your native land. May prosperity attend you and all who are with you." Address were said to the Spanish officers, and Gen. Castellanos, who had been moved to tears, soon after put off to the Spanish transport Rabat, on which he sailed to Mantanzas, whence he will proceed to Spain.

CUBAN INSURGENTS.

Cuban participation in the ceremonies attending the cessation of Spanish authority in their island was confined to the presence of a few of their generals of the second rank. This was a great mortification to the insurgent party, as they had planned a grand demonstration in Havana on the occasion, but Gen. Brooke, who feared that trouble might arise if this program were carried out, forbade it, and in so doing was approved by the President. As it was all passed off peacefully on the memorable day, but since then there has been a clash between Cuban and Spanish in the city, one episode of which was a revolt at the theater between Gen. Julio Sanguilly of the Cuban army, and the mayor, the Marquis de Estabana. The Cuban drew a revolver and threatened to shoot the Spaniard, who, in retaliation, quickly raised his cane, and with it struck Sanguilly in the mouth. The Cubans around Sanguilly were ready to attack the municipal guards, who, by Estabana's orders, loaded their rifles, when the American provost guard happily arrived and separated them. The temper of the ultra party among the Cubans is evidenced by the action of Gen. Gomez in issuing a proclamation to his troops advising them not to disband until they have been paid by the American Government, and by his refusal to go to Havana to confer with Governor General Brooke. The latter, however, proposes to give the fullest recognition to the islanders in all employments, and under this policy Gen. Mario Menocal has been offered a position under Gen. Ludlow, military governor of Havana, on condition that he shall resign his command in the Cuban army. His friends are divided on the question of his acceptance.

THE TREATY.

The treaty of peace between Spain and the United States was transmitted by the President on Thursday, the 5th inst. to the Senate for ratification. Its text was known, but the document was accompanied by interesting documents relating to the relations of American officials and army and navy officers with Aguinaldo and other Filipino leaders. Senator Hoar, who opposes the ratification of the treaty, presented a resolution to the Senate at once, calling upon the President to communicate his instructions to our peace commissioners and the reports made by them either to the Department of State or to himself. Senator Davis, one of the peace commissioners, desired to have the resolution referred to the committee on foreign relations, but this was opposed by Hoar, who accomplished his purpose of having the resolution adopted, it being pointed out by several of the Senators who supported him that the call on the President was not mandatory.

CABLE CONCESSION.

Secretary Hay has practically made up his mind to disapprove the Scream concession, under which the Pacific Cable company would enjoy an exclusive cable charter to the Hawaiian Islands for twenty years. He has stated to the other members of the Cabinet that he had received a communication from the Hawaiian Commissioners in which they recommended that the control of the Hawaiian cable should remain in possession of the United States, even if it had to be laid by the Government. They are opposed to the granting of a monopoly to any private company, and it is said that practically all of the members of the Cabinet approve of this attitude.

HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL.

The Board of Directors of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company has approved of the action of its president in settling the suit brought by that corporation, when under control of C. A. and Rudolph Spreckels, against Claus Spreckels, for the six thousand-acre tract in the Waikuku valley. At once upon the adoption of the resolution Claus Spreckels sold the property

in question to the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company in consideration of \$100,000.

LOCAL NAVAL STATION.

Contracts are being made by the Navy Department for the construction of piers and slips at Honolulu for the new coming station, which is to have a capacity of 40,000 tons of coal.

It is the intention of the naval authorities to leave to Congress any action that may be taken in regard to the improvement of Pearl Harbor.

Iron work for the piers of the coal station at Pago-Pago is being put on board ship at Norfolk, Va., for its destination, and some of the structural work has already been shipped from this city.

The island of Guam will have a naval instead of a military governor. Capt. Kempf, late of the Monterey, has been selected for the post, but it is not yet certain that he will accept the position. The Oregon has been ordered to Caliao to proceed with the distilling ship Iris to Honolulu, where she will receive orders to sail for Manila.

SUGAR FIGHT.

Articles of agreement are being prepared for the incorporation in West Virginia of the Independent Sugar Company, designed to co-operate with the Arbuckle in fighting the American Sugar Refining Company. The capital stock of the new corporation will be \$50,000,000, and large blocks will be owned by Armour and the Arbuckles.

MRS. BOTKIN.

The trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin in this city for the poisoning of Mrs. Elizabeth Dunning, came to a close on the last day of the year, when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and fixed the penalty at imprisonment for life. The murderess maintained her equanimity fairly well under the trying circumstances, but, when removed to her cell, gave way to her emotions and raved like a maniac. She is to appear today for sentence, but it has been agreed that the matter shall be put over. When the time arrives it is understood that a new trial will be asked for, and upon its refusal an appeal will be taken to the State Supreme Court, where the question of the right of a California jury to pass on a crime which had its culmination in Delaware will be raised by Mrs. Botkin's attorneys.

GOVERNOR GAGE.

Henry T. Gage, the new Governor of California, assumed office on January 4th, his predecessor, James Budd, being elected today attorney of the Board of Harbor Commissioners in place of Tiley L. Ford, the new attorney general.

ANOTHER FAIR.

It is proposed to hold an exposition in San Francisco in 1901 of the products of the countries on the borders of the Pacific ocean and lying upon it, and Hawaii is expected to take a prominent part. The State will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000 and the city \$250,000 for the purpose.

A colonial fair will be held here from September 2 to October 7 by the Mechanics' Institute.

JAPANESE CRUISED.

The Japanese cruiser Chitose made her natural draught trial in Santa Barbara channel on January 3rd. During a six-hour continuous run she maintained a speed of 21.48 knots an hour, whereas her contract called for only 20.5 knots.

FAST MAIL.

A fast mail schedule has been established between the Atlantic and the Pacific seaboard. On the initial run the train made the transcontinental trip in ninety-eight hours in place of the 110 hours and 55 minutes which has been the rule heretofore.

TRUST SUIT.

Suit has been brought on the relation of the Attorney General of California to dissolve the high explosive and dynamite pool on the Pacific slope. The action is against the Giant Consolidated Powder Company, and it is asked that it shall be deprived of its charter and be fined \$5,000.

CALIFORNIA SENATORSHIP.

Balloting for United States Senator will begin in the California Legislature on Tuesday next. The leading candidates are Dan M. Burns, the former Secretary of State and now owner of the famous Candelaria mines in Mexico, who has the support of the Southern Pacific railroad company and the majority of the editors of the Call and Chronicle; E. N. Baile, a State Senator; and Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., of San Diego, the son of his father, on whom the opposition to Burns is crystallizing. There are prospects of a deadlock, with the possible choice of some unknown candidate.

SENATOR QUAY.

Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, who is under indictment for the misuse of State funds, has secured the endorsement of 102 of the 164 Republican members of the Legislature, but still requires nineteen votes in order to be re-elected.

HEAVY ROBBERY.

The Wells-Fargo Express company was robbed of \$60,000 belonging to the Southern Pacific Railroad company on December 29th, at Houston, Texas, by Charles A. Becker, a delivery clerk, who escaped arrest, and is thought to have gone to Mexico.

STEEL PLANT.

A steel plant is to be built at Newport News which will cost \$5,000,000, cover fifty acres and give employment to 6,000 men. A new system of manufacture is to be employed.

GATLING GUN EXPLODES.

Richard Gatling's experimental cast steel eighteen inch rifle, for the construction of which Congress appro-

priated \$40,000, burst at the Sandy Hook proving grounds on the 4th inst. under a normal firing pressure of 30,000 pounds. No one was hurt.

IN THE MOJAVE.

The Anglo-Egyptians have won another battle in the Mojave. Col. Lewis with a Sudanese regiment and a detachment of irregulars, attacked Emir Ahmed Pasha on December 26th, while he was crossing the Blue Nile, stormed an island on which Pasha had taken up his position, and drove him out, killing 500 of his followers and taking many prisoners. The Emir himself escaped. On the victorious side Maj. Ferguson, six Egyptian officers and eighteen privates were wounded and twenty-seven men were killed.

THE FRENCH.

The French have demanded an extension of their territorial concession at Shanghai. This is being opposed by the English and Americans and supported by the Russians, the London Times meanwhile thundering against France.

Esterhazy has been granted a safe conduct, and will appear before the French Court of Cassation on January 17th, to give evidence in the Dreyfus revisionary proceedings.

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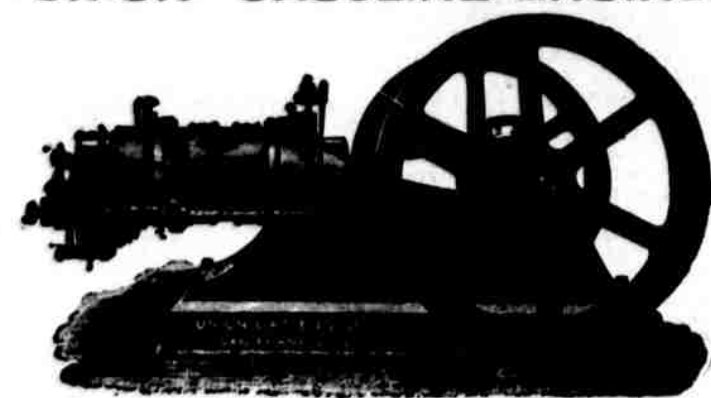
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